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SUBJECT: VIRATA HEADS FINANCIAL GROUP MISSION TO PRC

- 1. THE OFFICIAL PHILIPPINE NEWS AGENCY ANNOUNCED THAT FINANCE SECRETARY CESAR VIRATA WILL HEAD THE PHILIPPINE FINANCIAL GROUP MISSION LEAVING ON APRIL 7 FOR THE PEOPLES' REPUBLIC OF CHINA.
- 2. THE 10-DAY VISIT OF THE MISSION INVITED BY THE PRC WILL INCLUDE CALLS ON THE MINISTER OF FINANCE AND THE GOVERNOR OF THE BANK OF CHINA.
- 3. THE MISSION WILL ALSO STUDY HOW PRC REVENUES ARE COLLECTED FROM THE AGRICULTURAL, COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL SECTORS.
- 4. THE MISSION WILL LOOK INTO HOW LOCAL GOVERNMENTS FINANCE THEIR PROJECTS AND TO WHAT EXTENT THE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ASSISTS IN THE FINANCING OF LOCAL PROJECTS.

5. MISSION MEMBERS ARE SECRETARY AND MRS. VIRATA, BUDGET COMMISSIONER AND MRS. JAIME LAYA, AUDIT CHAIRMAN AND MRS. FRANCISCO TANTUICO, REVENUE COMMISSIONER AND MRS. EFREN I. PLANA, GSIS GENERAL MANAGER ROMAN CRUZ, JR., SSSS ADMINISTRATOR GILBERTO TEODORO, LAND BANK PRESIDENT AND MRS. BASILIO ESTANISLAO, VETERANS BANK PRESIDENT AND MRS. ESTEBAN CABANOS, PRESIDENT DAVID SYSCIP OF THE RIZAL COMMERCIAL BANK & TRUST CO., PRESIDENT WILFREDO TECSON OF CONSOLIDATED BANK AND TRUST CO., AND EXECUTIVE VICE-PRESIDENT OF PHILIPPINE COMMERCIAL & INDUSTRIAL BANK AND MRS. ANTONIO AYALA.

6. COMMENT. THE MISSION INCLUDES A NUMBER OF PERSONS WHO ARE CLOSE TO THE PRESIDENT OR WELL REGARDED BY HIM. WHILE A TRIP TO CHINA IS SOUGHT AFTER, THE MISSION ITSELF IS ANOTHER LINK IN THE DEVELOPING EXCHANGES BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES.

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